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I would like to register my displeasure with the state of the Microsoft Settlement. I believe that Microsoft has gone too long without punishment for what has been found to be a number of illegal acts violating American antitrust laws. I also believe that the current settlement does not do nearly enough to remedy this situation, and that Microsoft will be getting off with just another "slap on the wrist" as has happened so many times before. Although Microsoft would like us to believe that it innovates, it only serves to stifle innovation through the use of it's considerable muscle as a monopoly (or at the very least, near-monopoly). It has repeatedly used illegal practices to push its competition out of the marketplace.

This is a very "Un-American" thing to do. We are a country that prides itself on capitalism and free trade, and the keystone of capitalism is that there must be competition for the system to work. By allowing Microsoft to continue with it's anticompetitive activities, we destroy the very foundation of the American economy.

I urge you to reconsider your settlement, and not to let Microsoft get off too easily once again.

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